

April 23 1943

Lt. Beaucuard
Fighting French Forces
Ft. Dix N. Jersey

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I received this morning, which partly explains my reason for writing you.

I want to extend an invitation to the ^{Colonel} Fighting French forces stationed at Ft. Dix, to attend the opening ball game of The Negro National League. Two years ago we had the 372nd Reg. up to the opening. It was a grand affair, and the soldiers had a really enjoyable day. The army brought the men up in trucks, and the Mayor of Newark proclaimed it 372nd day.

I am sure these strangers on our shores would especially like seeing this large crowd of their admirers, see how the Negro Baseball is operated, and see the ball game itself.

If the invitation is accepted, please let me know how many there will be, so I can arrange for the seating. They will be attended by a guard of honor of The American Legion, Attucks Guard Post 152.

I will appreciate as early a reply as possible as there will be a lot of things to do in connection with their visit. If there are enough to use or need the army to transport them in trucks, it will be necessary to arrange for state troupers escort. I will do this.

Very Truly Yours

PS I can easily arrange for 500, and if necessary 1000

If the colored and white together do not exceed this number I will be glad to have them all